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Professor and
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lege Library,
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When: Twentieth century

Where: Thunderbay, Canada

Family: Magdalena, wife

Current residence: Quiet suburban street in Rock Hill, SC

Education: BA: Moorhead State University, MLS: Clark Atlanta University, DAS: National University of Ireland, University College Dublin

First job: Carrying fifty pound bags of Robin Hood flour

Job experience: Professor and Head of Special Collections, **Winthrop University**. As a professional librarian, I am also Editor in Chief of *International Leads*, ALA's international arm; a contributing editor to *American Libraries*, *Against the Grain*, and *Library Times International*. As a professional writer, I am the author of nine books and more than 1,400 articles that have appeared in *Modern Maturity*, *The New York Times*, *National Review*, *USA Today*, *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, among other publications.

Most recent professional accomplishment: As part of a mission for ALA, I went to the Middle East and interviewed Yasser Arafat about Palestinian plans for libraries and education.

Fondest memory: Either meeting or marrying my wife


Favorite pastime: Writing

Hobbies: Reading, weight lifting, karate (I have black belt in Tae Kwon Do). Note: I don't consider my professional writing career a hobby

Last book read: Seymour Hersh, *Dark Side of Camelot*.

Pet peeve: Librarians that complain their profession is stereotyped and then do everything possible to prove it or obstruct those that work hard to prove it isn't.

Five years from now: Writing professionally fulltime while I edit a string of newsletters.

Biggest surprise: How interesting life continues to get. 

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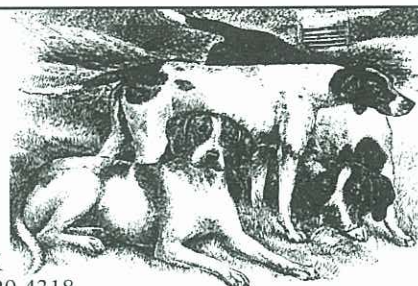
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